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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: STEPHAN
Serial No.: 09/661,930
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING A MULTI-PANEL VIDEO DISPLAY UNIT
GAMING DEVICE

Examiner: K. NGUYEN
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Docket No.: 10512.103US01

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Examiner's official paper mailed June 19, 2001. Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has asserted a Combination/Subcombination restriction requirement for three allegedly different groups of claims. While the Applicant respectfully maintains, for the reasons stated below, that the Election/Restriction requirement is improper, the Applicant formally elects with traverse the "group" relating to the gaming system as recited within Claim 15-26. Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

REMARKS

In the restriction requirement, the Examiner asserts that the claims recited within the instant application are allegedly organized into three groups of claims. The Examiner, on page 2 of the restriction requirement describes these groups as follows: